- Bridge simulator (work in progress)
- Training of ECDIS (Electronic Chart Display & Information System)
- Training of Simulator for Engine Room and Ship handling.

(ii) To be Regional learning Centre for the proposed Indian Maritime University.

(iii) Regional Branch of World Maritime University (WMU) for conducting IMO Seminar and courses of WMU.

(iv) Enhancement of Physical infrastructure *viz.*:

- Putting up Additional floor at Academic block for increasing student output.
- Up-grading classroom facilities to include, digital projection in all class-room with wireless LAN system.
- Building facilities for conducting survival and Boat-work training.

(d) Does not arise.

Work on Bundar Port in Krishna

553. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the port works of Bundar port in Krishna which were to be started in June, 2007, have been started;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether MoU has been entered into with Mytas Consortium; and

(d) if so, the details of the MoU?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWYAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Bundar Port is a Non-Major port in the State of Andhra Pradesh. According to information furnished by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, which is responsible for the development of the Non-Major ports in the State, the reply to parts (a) and (c) of the Question is in the negative.

Revival of Waterways in Andhra Pradesh

554. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to revive 1,073 Kms. of Waterways in the State of Andhra Pradesh by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has come to the notice of his Ministry;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Central Water Transportation Authority has also assured the State Government of Andhra Pradesh its helping hand in reviving the waterways in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) A proposal to declare Kakinada-Pondicherry stretch of canals consisting of Kakinada canal, Eluru canal, Commannur canal, Buckingham canal and Kaluvelly tank along with Bhadrachalam-Rajahmundry stretch of River Godavari and Wazirabad-Vijayawada stretch of River Krishna (1095 Kms.) as a National Waterway is under consideration of the Government of India. This includes 907 Kms stretch in Andhra Pradesh, 186 Kms stretch in Tamilnadu and remaining 2 Kms stretch in Puducherry. The Bill for the declaration of afore mentioned waterways as a national waterway has already been introduced in the Parliament. It has been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture.

Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme, a proposal for survey and techno-economic feasibility study for development of IWT in the State of Andhra Pradesh had been sanctioned by Department of Shipping at a cost of Rs. 75 lakh (list of waterways covered in this proposal is enclosed as Statement (*See* below) and entire Central share of Rs. 67.50 lakh has been released to the State by Department of Shipping upto 31.03.2007 against this project. The State Government is carrying out the study through a consultant.

Statement

List of waterways covered in the CSS proposal of Government of Andhra Pradesh

(i)	Backwaters of River Gowtami Godavari	50km
(ii)	Gannavaram Bank canal (Rajahmundry to Sakinetipalli)	90km
(iii)	Amalapuram canal (Rahahmundry to Amalapuram)	80km
(iv)	Kotipalli Bank canal (Rajahmundry to Yanam)	90km
(v)	Samalkota canal (Rajahmundry to Kakinada)	65km
(vi)	Korangi canal (Rahahmundry to Kakinada)	90km
(vii)	Machilipatnam canal (Vijayawada to Machilipatnam)	80km
(viii)	Ryves canal (Vijayawada to Kaikaluru)	100 km

Contractors on non-performing list

555. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:-

(a) the number and names of Indian and foreign contractors put on the "non-performing" list by NHAI since August, 2004 debarring them from doing any project or contracts with NHAI anywhere in the country; and

(b) the parameters to judge a contractor becoming a non-performing contractor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The names and